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## **Contractor Charged With Stealing Nearly \$1 Million From DWP**

A contractor has been charged with stealing nearly \$1 million from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Oscar James Edwards (dob 4/28/68) was charged in case BA446324 with 12 felony counts: four counts of grand theft, four counts of embezzlement, three counts of money laundering and one count of perjury. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Stodel of the White Collar Crime Division is prosecuting the case.

Edwards owned Computer Systems Integration Corporation and was contracted by the utility in 2014. Edwards promised to provide DWP with solar inverters from a Colorado company, Stodel said.

Although the equipment was later delivered to DWP, the utility paid Edwards about \$970,000. However, Edwards is accused of not turning over those payments to the Colorado company.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$615,000. If convicted as charged, Edwards faces a possible maximum sentence of 16 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

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